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**Response to final Office action under 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

**Summary of the prosecution**

20    A RCE was filed on 30 August 2004 in the above application in response to a final  
      rejection mailed 27 May 2004 in which Examiner responded to Applicant's substantial  
      amendment of his claims in response to a non-final Office action by rejecting the  
      amended claims on the basis of new references. The RCE included a traversal of those  
      rejections. Examiner thereupon mailed a non-final Office action on 12/14/04 in which he  
25    indicated that he found Applicant's traversal persuasive and in which he rejected pending  
      claim 187 as being indefinite under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph and rejected  
      pending claims 187-210 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious over the combination  
      of two new references: Review Board, "High-end project managers", *InfoWorld*, Feb. 1,  
      1993, pp. 59-60, 62 -63, 66-69 (henceforth "Board") and Zimmerman, Leah V.,  
30    "Software review—Open Plan 5.0 Upgrade, *Cost Engineering*, Morgantown: Dec. 1993,  
      vol. 35, Iss. 12, pg. 11 (henceforth "Zimmerman"). Applicant amended claim 187 to  
      overcome one portion of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, traversed  
      another portion thereof, and traversed the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 103.

35    Examiner mailed a final Office action on 7/19/2005 in which he persisted in the second  
      portion of his rejection of claim 187 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, persisted